UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES LYNN O'HINES
Inmate No. 197067,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SAN DIEGO CORRECTIONS AGENTS, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil No. 07-2241 BTM (NLS)

ORDER DISMISSING CIVIL ACTION FOR FAILING TO PAY FILING FEE OR MOVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)

Plaintiff, an inmate currently incarcerated at the Arizona State Prison Complex ("ASPC") in Florence, Arizona, and proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.[1]

I. Failure to Pay Filing Fee or Request IFP Status

Effective April 9, 2006, all parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in a district court of the United States, other than a writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee of $350. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). An action may proceed despite a party's failure to pay only if the party is granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). *See Rodriguez v. Cook*, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999).

[1] The Court notes that Plaintiff was formerly a California state inmate. Thus, it is unclear whether Plaintiff is currently a California state inmate housed in Arizona or he is an inmate within the Arizona State correctional system.

Here, Plaintiff has neither prepaid the $350 filing fee required to commence this action, nor has he submitted a Motion to Proceed IFP. Therefore, this action is subject to immediate dismissal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a).

II. **Conclusion and Order**

For the reasons set forth above, the Court hereby:

(1) **DISMISSES** this action sua sponte without prejudice for failing to pay the $350 filing fee or file a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a) and 1915(a); and

(2) **GRANTS** Plaintiff **forty five (45)** days leave from the date this Order is "Filed" to: (a) prepay the entire $350 civil filing fee in full; ***or*** (b) complete and file a Motion to proceed IFP which includes a certified copy of his trust account statement for the 6-month period preceding the filing of his Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and S.D. CAL. CIVLR 3.2(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall provide Plaintiff with the Court's approved form "Motion and Declaration in Support of Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*." If Plaintiff fails to either prepay the $350 civil filing fee or complete and submit the attached Motion to Proceed IFP within that time, this action shall remain dismissed without prejudice and without further Order of the Court.

DATED: December 4, 2007

Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz
United States District Judge